

Summary of Comments from the Flood Corridor Program Public Hearing on Opal Basin Improvement and Judson Street Agricultural Preserve Project

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 2:00 pm in the City of Redlands to receive comments on the Opal Basin Improvement and Judson Street Agricultural Preserve Project to be funded by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) through the Flood Corridor Program. Sixteen people were in attendance including Amy Young and David Martasian representing DWR's Flood Corridor Program. Amy Young gave an overview of the Flood Corridor Program and the purpose of the public hearing. Ross Wittman who represented the project proponent, the City of Redlands, gave an overview of the project. The meeting was then opened for questions and formal comments.

There were no formal comments received during the public hearing but there were suggestions to allow the detention basin to be used for recreation when not used for flood control. There was also a concern regarding safety at times when there is water present in the detention basin. Additionally, there was a concern about the agricultural conservation easement being strictly limited to citrus orchard. A suggestion was made that the agricultural conservation easement be flexible enough to allow other forms of agriculture in the future.

A formal comment was received in favor of the proposed project during the comment period.